

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the original drawings filed September 9, 1999.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-19, 22-34 and 37-46

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-19, 22-34 and 37-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,754,636 (hereinafter Bayless). Claims 1, 5, 10, 23 and 46 are independent claims, thus Applicant's traversal of the Examiner's § 102(b) rejections will focus on these base claims.

One of the features of Applicant's invention as claimed in claim 1 is "selecting character information...and storing the selected character information." The Examiner alleges that Bayless discloses this feature at column 16, line 59 through column 17, line 67. Additionally, in the Response to Arguments on page 18, paragraph 5, the Examiner alleges that, based on the definitions contained in Merriam Webster's Dictionary, "Bayless et al clearly suggest the character information."

As defined in claim 1, character information includes the telephone number, since the telephone number is extracted "from within the selected and stored character information." However, directory icons of Bayless clearly do not include or correspond to the character

information that includes a telephone number, as required by claim 1. Accordingly, Bayless fails to disclose, teach or suggest this aspect of the telephone directory address method of claim 1.

Notwithstanding, even if, assuming *arguendo*, Bayless' directory icons somehow correspond to "character information" as defined in claim 1, Bayless fails to disclose, teach or suggest that the allegedly corresponding selected character information is stored.

As recited in claim 1, the telephone directory address storing method of claim 1 includes "selecting character information ...and storing the selected character information." However, when the directory icon of Bayless is selected, no information is stored, rather the contents of that directory are simply displayed (Bayless, column 17, lines 45-59). Indeed, Bayless expressly describes that "clicking mouse 64 on one of the directory icons 208 through 210 opens that directory or closes the direction based on the current state of the system and the type of mouse clock [sic] performed." (Bayless, col. 18, lines 22-25).

Applicant respectfully notes that the Response to Arguments, beginning on page 18, paragraph 5, did not include a response to this argument, as originally presented in Applicant's previous Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, on page 3, lines 1-3.

Since Bayless fails to disclose, teach or suggest the selecting and storing of character information, Bayless can not disclose, teach or suggest the remaining limitations of the telephone directory address storing method of claim 1, which includes the claimed extracting, originating, transferring and storing, as recited therein.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Claim 5, 10, 23, and 46 recite methods, apparatuses, and storage media having features analogous to the features of claim 1 of “selecting character information...and storing the selected character information”, “extracting a telephone number from within the selected and stored character information, originating a telephone call to a telephone circuit based on the extracted telephone number”, and “transferring and storing all of the selected character information to and into a telephone directory address storage section” that are discussed above. Therefore, the arguments traversing the rejection of claim 1, apply to these claims as well.

Rejection of Claims 4, 9, 21, 22, 35 and 36

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 4, 9, 21, 22, 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bayless, in view of U.S. Patent 6,064,725 (hereinafter Nakanishi). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 4, 9, 21 and 22, and 35 and 36 are dependent on claims 1, 5, 10, and 23, respectively, and are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1, 5, 10, and 23, respectively. Nakanishi does not cure the above-noted deficiencies of Bayless with respect to these independent claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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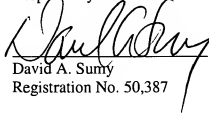
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